

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for effecting a superficial chemical skin peel is provided wherein a concentrated solution of salicylic acid in a dermatologically acceptable solvent is applied to skin to be treated. The concentrated salicylic acid solution contains at least 15 wt% salicylic acid and preferably at least about 20 wt% salicylic acid. The composition and method are useful in the treatment of skin disorders such as photodamaged skin, hyperpigmentation, acne vulgaris, and the like.

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